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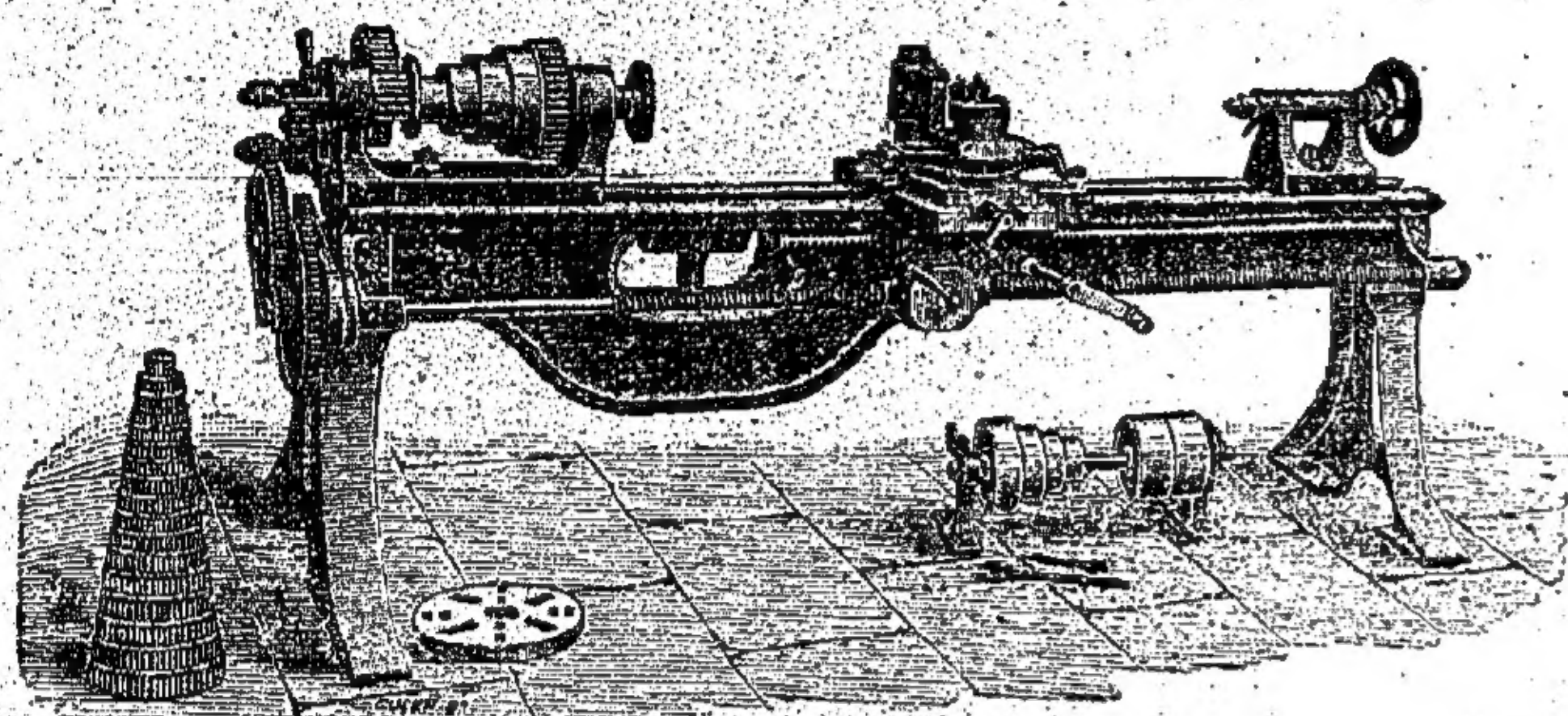
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FURNISHED SITTING, DINING, AND BATH
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Hongkong, February 11, 1901. 330

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THE DIVIDEND Declared for the Half
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TEN SHILLINGS Sterling per Share of
£125, is PAYABLE on and after MON-
DAY, the 19th of February, Current,
at the Office of the Corporation, where
Shareholders are requested to apply for
WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 19, 1901. 373

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TO LET.

A HOUSE in BONHAM ROAD, 7 ROOMS.
Apply, Rev. W. DANISTER,
U. M. S. House,
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Hongkong, February 8, 1901. 316

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A FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, with Two
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Hongkong, February 6, 1901. 297

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Garden. Possession on 1st May.
RICHMOND TERRACE, Nos. 2 and
3, Possession from 1st April; No. 5, im-
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Apply to—
LAU CHU PAI,
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Hongkong, February 1901. 360

TO LET.

A HOUSE IN BONHAM TERRACE,
No. 2, FURNISHED, 4 Rooms, from
1st April.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, February 15, 1901. 362

TO LET.

16, BRUNSFORD TERRACE, Kow-
loon, from 1st May.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, February 18, 1901. 381

TO LET.

NO. 7, ORMSBY TERRACE, Kowloon,
2 Rooms.
Apply to—
"PUN HUNG,"
85, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, February 18, 1901. 350

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FURNISHED ROOM,
CENTRAL PART OF TOWN.
Rent Moderate.
ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE.
CAN BE MADE.
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Hongkong, February 14, 1901. 361

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Register in the Name of FONG KING
KIN TONG, of Hongkong, having been
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the said Certificate be produced at the
Office of the Company, Queen's Road Cen-
tral, Hongkong, on or before the 15th
February next, a New Certificate will be
issued for the said Shares and the said
Certificate will thereafter be held
by the Company as NULL and VOID.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 15, 1901. 329

YOUNG LADY desires to engage in
April as GOVERNESS.

Apply to Y. Z.,
Care of "China Mail" Office,
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STOKES and MAGNUS, 12, Queen's Road
Central,
Hongkong, February 15, 1901. 358

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NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 331 for 100 SHARES of the
Company, numbered 68401/68500, in
the name of ELLIS KELLEY, Esquire, of
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Month from the date hereof, and the
Original Scrip will be considered by the
Company as Null and Void, and all persons
are hereby warned against accepting or
negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 15, 1901. 267

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S.,
DENTIST,
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Hongkong, January 4, 1901. 25

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.
9 p.m.—Harrison's Grand Circus, at the Recreation Ground (Near the Race Course).
Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Chidra* undelivered after Noon this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 16—
Goods per *Rengul* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.
MONDAY, February 19—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Prince.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Pak Tuen Hong.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Hung Hom.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eastern Milk Lodge.
TUESDAY, February 20—
11.45 a.m.—Insurance Office close.
WEDNESDAY, March 6—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, Paddocks Street.
THURSDAY, March 7—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central.
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Co., Ltd.
FRIDAY, March 8—
8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Members of the Devonian Society, at the Hongkong Club.

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HONGKONG, February 21, 1901.

On London	2/0
On demand	2/0 1/2
30 days sight	2/0 1/4
4 months sight	2/0 1/2
Credit 4 months sight	2/0 1/4
On demand	2/2 1/2
Credit 4 months sight	2/2 1/4
On demand	2/2 1/2
Credit 4 months sight	2/2 1/4
On New York	48 1/2
On demand	48 1/2
Credit 30 days sight	48 1/2
On Bombay	150
On demand	150
On Calcutta	150
On demand	150
On Singapore	1 1/2 p.m.
On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
On Manila	1 1/2 p.m.
On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
On Shanghai	73
On demand	73
30 days sight (private paper)	74
On Yokohama	11 1/2 p.m.
On demand	11 1/2 p.m.
Gold Loan 100 lbs. (per ton)	£91.75
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	£90.05
Silver (per oz.)	28 1/4

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 1 and 4, should be sent to this Office not later than 10 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent in before 3 p.m.

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CANET	30.00
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DEATH.

On the 18th February, at No. 31, Pokfula Road, TACKEE KNIGHT, aged 13 months, daughter of H. J. Knight, Inspector of Nuisances. Deeply regretted.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Fuelier Reinforcements.
There arrived from home yesterday, by the steamer *Stentor*, a draft of 119 men of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, consisting of one officer, one sergeant, three corporals, and 114 rank and file. They have been sent out here to relieve time-expired men. One case of fever occurred on board, and the patient was left behind at Singapore.

Jewellery Shop Broken Open.

When Messrs Droz and Co., jewellers, Queen's Road Central, opened their shop yesterday morning, they discovered that the window had been broken during the holidays and cheap watches to the value of \$150 stolen. The shutters were on, but the thief had effected his purpose by means of the hole provided in the shutter for the watchman to see through.

Religion not Theology.

We commend the following extract from a San Francisco newspaper to religious men in Hongkong:

Unlabeled, Jan. 12.—The Roman Catholic and Protestant members of the second Canadian contingent, toward funds of \$400 on the way home, and intended to present Rev. Father Simmett, the Roman Catholic chaplain, with a horse, sleigh and robes. While at the front, Father Simmett regularly said mass on the early Sunday morning, and read the Church of England service afterwards, for the benefit of Protestants. Catholic in the broadest secular sense, as well as in the denominational sense is Father Simmett. What he has done for religion in the British army, the roses and the material advancement of the municipality.

German Naval Vigilance.

The *Wolff* correspondent of the *N. Y. Daily News* writes:—Of the eleven pirates captured in the vicinity of Thornton Haven, six were shot locally on the 17th of December, the remainder being sent to Chelms and then turned over to the custody of the Russian forces. The British authorities have taken no further precautionary measures against the pirates, but a German war vessel, understood to be S. M. S. *Tiger*, is reported to have visited the harbours of the Promontory as far east as Yungcheung Bay. The local officials and the people are very grateful for this round of visits and anticipate from it the most salutary results. That was when to patrol British coasts, and coasts under British protection, was assumed to be a British duty. But times have changed, and our Teutonic friends are showing that they are not only to our naval name but are prepared to perform our naval duties. Is it a matter for congratulation that there are found those to perform the functions we have allowed to fall into disuse?

American Sympathy.

The universal expressions of sympathy which were received in England on the death of Queen Victoria evidenced the influence our late monarch exerted throughout the world. In the United States those expressions of sympathy have been sincere and outspoken. One of those appearing in the *Commercial News* of San Francisco is as follows:—In the death of Queen Victoria, the English race has lost a wise and conservative ruler, one beloved by the whole people, admired and respected by the whole world—a ruler whose power and influence were always on the side of honorable peace. Under the long enlightened reign of the late Queen, the English people have prospered and progressed, as never before in the history of that race. In their benevolence they have the sympathy of the American people, and it is heartily for in spite of wide commercial and political differences that have at times arisen between the two countries, there has always been an undercurrent of friendship that cannot be eradicated.

The British Medical Journal says of

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Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 21, 1901.

New Patna, cash	92 1/2
Old Patna, cash	94 1/2
New Benares, cash	94 1/2
Old Benares, cash	96 1/2
New Malwa, cash	810
Allowance, Teels	net, 1/2
Last Year	820/830
Allowance, Teels	net, 1/2
Old Malwa, cash	840/850
Allowance, Teels	net, 1/2
Persian, Chy, cash	825
Allowance, Teels	net, 1/2
Persian, Paper tied long	825
Allowance, Teels	net, 1/2

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Beachcombers have been raiding the Nagasaki Hotel.

The 'chopping' of passengers at Singapore has been stopped.

The Emperor William has made King Edward VII. an 'admiral of the German navy.'

Two of the fastest Japanese cruisers are to be supplied with wireless telegraph apparatus.

It is reported that 120 Germans have joined the Capetown Suburban Guards Squadron.

The world's hour record for the bicycle is now 40 miles 327 yards, made by W. Stinson in America.

The principal importers of Cardiff coal at Nagasaki have been robbed of coal to the value of 20,000 yen.

The 'curfew' regulation at Manila compelling citizens to remain indoors after midnight has been repealed.

The loss on the working account, 1900, of the Yeh Loong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd., Shanghai, was \$61,943.

The two Cargo Boat Companies at Shanghai are being voluntarily wound-up, apparently with the object of amalgamating.

The report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon (Mr C. V. Laidlaw) for 1900 was submitted at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon.

The *Animal Chariot* arrived at Nagasaki on the 11th with Admiral Bayle, who relieves Admiral Potier in the command of the French squadron on this station.

In the month of January last, 63 steamers entered Manila port, from foreign ports, with an aggregate of 89,508 tons. Of these 33 were British, with 26,727 tons, and 19 American.

The report of Mr T. J. Wild, Acting Government Analyst, on the water supply of the Colony for January, is to the effect that it is of excellent quality, and that there is no trace of sewage infiltration.

The Shanghai Fire Brigade has been busy throughout what might be termed the fire season, for as the Chinese setting off their fireworks the Settlement was the scene of conflagrations daily.

The Lady Superior of the Convent at Nagasaki died suddenly on the 5th at the age of 60, after 24 years' service in Japan. She founded the convent at Nagasaki, Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, Okayama, Unkai, and Kunamoto.

Messrs George Falconer and Co., jewellers, Queen's Road Central, are exhibiting in their window the Lusitano Cup, presented by the members of the Club Lusitano to be competed for at the forthcoming race meeting.

Prognostic, where the late Queen Victoria is buried, is about a mile from Windsor Castle, in one of the most secluded and delightful parts of the estate. It was at Prognostic House that the Queen's mother, the Duchess of Kent, passed her declining years.

A steam pinnace, belonging to one of the British men-of-war in the Harbour, in trying to avoid collision with a sampan last night, bumped her stern on one of the piles of the Naval Yard extension and drove a considerable hole in her side. She was promptly taken to the Naval Yard.

Detachments of the 1st Royal Lancaster Regiment (King's Own) left for South Africa in January. They will see active mounted infantry. Among the officers were—Capt. Lawrie, Capt. F. S. B. Johnson, Lieut. Dobson, Moloney, Mackay, and Money, some of them well-known in Hongkong.

A Shanghai contemporary publishes a special telegram from Tientsin to the effect that the proposed withdrawal of the British troops from North China has been postponed. It is reported that an ultimatum has been sent to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries, owing to the slow progress of the peace negotiations.

Steering Headache Cure

has been proven in thousands of cases to be a speedy and reliable cure for all Headaches. *Steering* is the original. Sold by all Chemists. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory—

On the 21st at 12.55. The barometer has risen rapidly on the China coast, and pressure is again high over China. The depression is probably passing away over Japan, and pressure remains low, also, in the Pacific to the E. of Formosa. Graduals are rather steep with very strong winds on the China coast, and increasing squalls in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—fresh to strong N. wind; cloudy, dull.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Much-Desired Improvement.

The Public Works Committee in their report of 23rd January, recommended that a new arterial be built under the bank in Lee House Lane, as near Queen's Road as possible, and approve of the closing of the Battery Path arterial when the new one is opened.

Hack-renting in Hongkong.

Commenting on this subject, the *Singapore Free Press* says:—There should be some ingenious application of the law against usury. The landlord lends, if not money, money's worth, in the form of capital invested in land and buildings. A fair rent is fair interest on that capital, plus a percentage to cover depreciation. A hack-rent is, very precisely, usury of an extremely oppressive character.

Mr A. R. Colquhoun.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 12th inst. says:—Mr A. R. Colquhoun and Mrs Colquhoun, having returned from their Borneo tour via Sandakan and Bandjer-massin, leave to-morrow evening per s.s. *Giang Sang* for Batavia in prosecution of their Java tour. They will return to Singapore before going on to Manila and North China. Mr and Mrs Colquhoun are at present staying with Mr and Mrs Butt at Mount Echo.

Polo.

The first tie in the Royal Artillery Polo Tournament was played on Monday, the teams being Royal Welsh Fusiliers and Royal Artillery. The Fusiliers were represented by Mr Walwyn, Mr Williams, Major Dobell, Major Sir H. McMahon, Captains 'Cricketbank', Warren, Tancard and Loring played for the Artillery. In the first 'chukka' the Fusiliers scored four goals and two subs., while the gunners failed to attack their opponents at any time. The second 'chukka' produced three more goals for the Fusiliers. The Fusilier team played with great 'go' and completely outclassed their opponents. The result of the tie was not unexpected, but it was not thought for a moment that the Artillery men would go up so easily. This afternoon the 22nd Bombay Infantry play the Club, and it is intended that the final match will take place on Monday next.

Harrison's Circus.

There was a very fair attendance at the Circus last night. The usual programme (there being no special outside attractions) was gone through in its entirety, and the different items were highly appreciated. On Friday next the large marquee ought to be filled to its utmost capacity when Mrs Harrison-Love takes her benefit. There will be two special features on the programme for that night. A tug-of-war contest has been arranged between the team of the Royal Garrison Artillery and the Stokers' team of H.M.S. *Cadmus* for a purse of \$50. The leading feature, however, will undoubtedly be the gentleman jockey steeples-chase round the circus course. Entries are now coming to hand, and to-day the list of competitors was as follows:—Lieutenant W. Burton, 5th Hyderabad Infantry, Captain J. H. Gwynne, Lieutenants F. Walwyn, J. R. M. Ford, and M. G. Lloyd, R.W.F.

The Proposed New Western Market.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider and report on the best site for a new Western Market was submitted at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon. The Committee, recognising the difficulty, delay, and expense in acquiring private property for a site for the market, and the necessity for pushing on the building of a new Market and of a new Harbour Office, unanimously recommended the Government to erect a new market on the site in front of the Harbour Master's Office, with a second market on the site of the present offices, to build a new Harbour Office on a site 350 feet further east, on completion of both to take down the present Western Market, to construct a new street through from Jarvis Street to Bonham Strand West and to sell all the surplus land on each side of this street. The total cost of the scheme is set down at \$723,300, made as follows:—Value of site \$263,000, Acquisition of land \$72,900, Cost of Market buildings \$194,000, Cost of new streets \$3,000. Against this is the value of the remaining portion of the old Western Market site estimated at \$29,100 to total \$440,000, thereby reducing the cost to \$283,800. An advantage of this scheme is that, in addition to providing excellent sites for the buildings referred to, it renders possible a very great sanitary improvement by the prolongation of Jervois Street into Bonham Strand West. The Committee consisted of Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, D.P.W.; Dr F. W. Clark, M.O.H.; Hon. C. P. Charter, C.M.G.; Hon. B. M. H. Taylor, Ag. Harbour Master, and Hon. Wei A-Yuk.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

WHAT would you do if taken with colic or diarrhoea when you are away from home and the drug stores are closed? After one such emergency you will always keep Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in your pocket, but why wait until the horse is stolen before you look the stable? For sale by all Dealers. WATKINS & CO., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

A CUSTOMS WAR.

[By SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH DER OSTERREICHISCHE Lloyd.]

Berlin, February 20.

Russia and the United States have entered upon a Customs war. The United States having increased the duty on Russian sugar, Russia has retaliated by raising the duty on American iron.

[EUROPEAN SERVICE.]

PARLIAMENT.

London, 18th February.

After the rejection of a motion by Mr Dillon for an adjournment to discuss the China question, Lord Cranborne, in the debate on the Address, said the punishment of the offenders must precede all other considerations; that he was satisfied with Russia's assurance that the occupation of Manchuria was only temporary; and that he was no aware of any Power contemplating an expedition to the interior of China, but if such a thing was contemplated, our commanders would require fresh instructions.

London, 19th February.

COMMERCIAL.

26,000,000 lbs of tea have been removed from bond in London during the last ten days, in expectation of increased taxes, and a similar rush has occurred in the clearance of tobacco and spirits.

INCREASE TO THE BRITISH ARMY.

The *Daily Chronicle* states it has been precisely settled that the increase to the Army will be 150,000 men, at the pay of 1/- per diem, and that 40,000 Yeomanry will be raised. The garrisoning of the smaller coastal stations will be transferred to the Navy.

[Special to 'N. C. Daily News']

AN ATTACK ON RUSSIAN TROOPS.

Tientsin, Feb. 15.

Chinese have attacked a Russian force beyond Shanhaikuan, killing four officers and forty men. Reinforcements have been sent.

INDEMNITY FOR CHRISTIAN CONVERTS.

A French column has left Tientsin to destroy a village near, owing to the refusal of the ungrateful to pay a priest seven thousand taels for his converts.

The Refuse Destructor.

The report of the Public Works Committee, submitted at the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon, was to the effect that no case had been made out for abandonment of the present system of disposing of the refuse of the Colony. The system seemed to work well, and to be a satisfactory one for Hongkong.

The Healthiest City in the World!

The mortality statistics of the Colony for the week ended 18th February show a death-rate among the British and Foreign community of 16.7 per 1000, against 45.7 last year. Over the whole population the death-rate was 22.4, against 28.1 last year. For the week ended 2nd February, the returns were nil, against 17.1, and 15.3 against 19.8 respectively.—Hon. R. D. Ormsby 'quoted'.—Probably the healthiest city in the world! Dr Clark, Medical Officer of Health, 'quoted'.—More probably not.

Tiger Hunt at Singapore.

For some time past (says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 12th inst.), a young male tiger has frequented the jungle near the 11th milestone on the Changi road, and on Sunday, Mr May and Owen organised a party to go in search of the animal. The day being a favourable one for 'tracking' the tiger was spotted without much difficulty, and May managed to get a couple of shots into it, one inflicting a very bad wound in the back, in fact going clean through the animal. In spite of this it managed to get away back into the jungle. Yesterday, Mr May and Mr Owen were out again, but finding Mr Boyntman, of the Dutch P.O., and others with him, on a like errand, they combined, and thus hunted the wounded tiger. Mr Heymann was the lucky man who despatched the brute, which turned up about half-a-mile from the scene of Sunday's hunt. He was very close to the wounded tiger, and a well-directed shot in the head at once took effect. The tiger is about eight feet in length, not a bad specimen, though only three parts grown.

A CONVINCING ANSWER.

I hobbled into Mr Blackman's drug store one evening, says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, which I had suffered for a long time. I told him I had no faith in any medicine as they all failed. He said, 'Well, if Chamberlain's Pain Balm does not help you, you need not pay for it.' I took a bottle of it, and in one week I was cured, and have not since been troubled with rheumatism. Sold by all Dealers. WATKINS & CO., General Agents.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Canton, February 19.

The twenty-seventh year of Kwang-Hai has, as far as Canton is concerned, opened more auspiciously than last year. Then, it was rumoured that an attempt would be made to murder the mandarins who were assembled to worship the Imperial Tablet. That report was discredited at the time, not because of any evidence, but simply on the ground of improbability. Looking back on the events of the year, it is now pretty safe to say that the rumour was not altogether a baseless one, for it indicated the wish if not the power of a certain class of men, who were not known at that time to be in the city. Just now, Canton is singularly free from rumours of every kind. Last year, Li Hung-Chang was executed, at least it did not appear, when the ceremony of doing obeisance to the Emperor was performed. His successor, To Mo, who is probably an older man, did not fail to put in an appearance this morning. As he did not arrive till after six o'clock his brother mandarins had a long wait.

A remarkable feature in these New Year celebrations is a great decrease in the number of fire-crackers set off. Foreign residents are not unthankful for this change, and hope it may go on decreasing every year. The reason for the decrease in the fire-crackers is doubtless because of the increase in their price, and, second, because the people have less money to spend on luxuries.

CONCERT.

The visit of the band of the German man-of-war *Hansa* on Saturday last gave great satisfaction and much pleasure. In the afternoon it played on the tennis ground and in the evening in the Club theatre.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Hon. Mr. Justice, Mr. J. H. C. M. G., Chief Justice.)

Thursday, 21st January.

THE YAU-MAT MURDER CASE.

He Su and Wong Fung Chan were charged with having, on 9th January, murdered Liang Hin, marine store dealer, 17 Station Street, Yau-mat.

They pleaded not guilty.

The following gentlemen were empanelled as a jury:—Messrs J. Burgess, J. A. Ross, H. Arnold, O. Wegener, W. E. Pacher, S. Weinberg, and R. W. Dale.

One of the jurymen, R. W. Dale, failed to answer to his name, and His Lordship directed that he attend at two o'clock.

Mr E. Robinson appeared on behalf of the first prisoner and Mr M. W. Slade for the second prisoner.

The Attorney-General (Mr W. Melgh Goodman, K.C.) said the deceased man was a marine store dealer at No. 17 Station Street, South at Yau-mat. The business was, so far as he could gather, a fairly prosperous one, and in the usual way with Chinese some men had shares in it. At the shop there were two shop coolies, an accountant and the second prisoner, who used to be a coolie and was employed as a tinmith to the marine store dealer. The firm kept several thousands of dollars in the safe. This was a large sum of money, and a rule the key of the safe was kept by the accountant.

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